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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Yoshiaki YOKOYAMA, et al. : EXAMINER: LEUNG, J.
SERIAL NO.: 09/711,362 :
FILED: November 10, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1764
FOR: TREATING APPARATUS, :
TREATING METHOD AND
METHOD OF TREATING SOIL

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated July 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, line 25 through page 4, line 13, please ~~amend~~ the paragraph as follows:

As the first hermetic chamber, a heating furnace and a reduced pressure heating furnace, for example, can be named. Such a hermetic chamber may have single chamber structure, and in addition, a plurality of such hermetic chambers may be arranged with doors between them. A purge chamber for purging a treatment atmosphere for an object to be treated, a preheating chamber for preheating the object to be treated, a cooling chamber for cooling the object to be treated, and the like may be further provided at a stage before or after